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For: CLEANING MEMBER FOR REMOVING RESIDUAL TONER FROM INTERMEDIATE  
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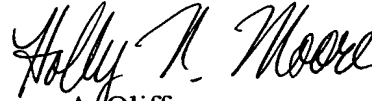
Sir:

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- ☒ 2. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 3. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference(s) has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 2 and 3.

- ☒ 4. Reference 1 is relevant for teaching a cleaning member having a structure rotatable while contacting a developer removal means in contact with or away from an intermediate transfer unit.

Respectfully submitted,



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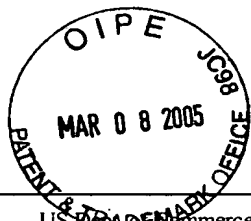
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|   | 3 | JP 11-327313 (w/Abstract and English-language translation) | 11/26/1999 | Japan                        |                 |                               |  |
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